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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 3666 OF 2007

Pintikumar Munna Ram Parvesh Singh .. Applicant

V/s

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

Miss Anamika Malhotra (appointed) for the applicant.

Mrs.M.M. Deshmukh, A.P.P. for the State.

CORAM : D.G. KARNIK, J.

DATE : 18TH DECEMBER 2007

P.C. :

1. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. This application has been made by the applicant for reduction of the bail amount. Initially, the bail was granted to the applicant in the sum of Rs.30,000/- by the Sessions Court. He applied to the Sessions Court for reduction of the bail amount and the Sessions court, after considering all materials, reduced the bail amount from Rs.30,000/- to Rs.20,000/-.

3. Learned A.P.P. submitted that no further reduction in the bail amount be made. Learned A.P.P. further submitted that if the bail amount is reduced further, the applicant on seeking bail is likely to abscond. He pointed out that earlier the applicant was absconding. In the circumstances, no further concession should be given to the applicant.

4. The matter has been once considered by the Sessions Court which taking sympathetic view reduced the bail amount by balancing the need for reduction with the need to ensure attendance of the applicant at the time of trial. In the circumstances, in my view, no further reduction is permissible as no material as been produced before me to justify further reduction. In the circumstances, the application is rejected.

(D.G. KARNIK, J.)